

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
JUNE 25, 1958

This regularly adjourned meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi held beginning at 8:00 o'clock p.m. of Wednesday, June 25, 1958; Councilmen Brown, Culbertson, Mitchell, Robinson and Katzakian (Mayor) present; none absent. City Manager Graves present; City Attorney Mullen absent (arrived at 8:35 p.m.).

BUDGET

PUNCTURE
VINE

The City Manager requested the Council to reopen discussion of the Streets and Buildings budget, stating that he had been informed by Mr. George Stipe, Deputy Commissioner of the San Joaquin County Agricultural Department, that puncture vine was becoming more prevalent in the City, and Mr. Stipe had suggested that the City provide manpower and oil for three months during the summer to control this noxious weed within the City. The spray rig would be available from the County free of charge. Mr. Stipe, who was in the audience, stated that the vine could be found along streets and alleys, but that its growth in new subdivisions created the biggest problem as trucks continually going in and out spread the vine by carrying seed on the tires. In answer to query, he stated that it might take an abatement notice to get the property owners to pay for controlling the vine on their property. It was decided that a survey of the problem should be made, but that immediate control of the vine was important, and on motion of Councilman Culbertson, Robinson second, the Council added \$1200 to the street and alley maintenance budget for material and labor to control puncture vine.

City Attorney Mullen arrived

STREET
TREES

Councilman Robinson commented on the money in the budget for Street Trees; this had been reduced by \$1600 from the previous year's budget, but he felt it should be cut down more. The Street Trees budget was approved, but a study and report on the street tree program was requested of the City Manager.

UTILITIES
PERSONNEL

During review of the Utilities Department budget, the Council approved the addition of two Maintenance Men II to the department.

PARK
PERSONNEL

A gardener for the Parks Department was approved after an explanation from the City Manager that the position would be filled by a person who was a practical gardener and would be expected to do manual work as well as inspect and supervise park maintenance.

PARK LEVEE
IMPROVEMENT

On motion of Councilman Mitchell, Culbertson second, the Council added \$1500 to the Lodi Lake Park budget to provide a sprinkler system and turfing along the levee in the southwest area of the park.

LAWRENCE
PARK
SIDEWALK

The City Attorney suggested that a sidewalk be installed at Lawrence Park along the ball-park as a convenience to the public. The Mayor stated this could be taken care of out of the Contingent Fund.

VAN BUSKIRK
PARK NAMED

On motion of Councilman Robinson, Mitchell second, the Council named the park on the northeast corner of Daisy and Pleasant Avenues "Van Buskirk Park", after receiving word from the City Manager that Mr. C. R. Van Buskirk had consented to having this park, which he had deeded to the City, so named.

PICNIC AREAS

City Manager Graves stated that development of several picnic areas had been deleted from the Park Department budget because of priority of acquisition of park sites and their development. The Council concurred, but agreed with Councilman Culbertson that the Council should keep in mind the development of picnic areas as they could be used to good advantage, particularly by various organizations and groups.

LIBRARY

The Library budget was approved after rejection of the request for a \$1000 Contingent Fund.

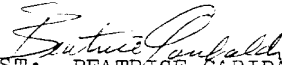
POLICE
PERSONNEL

Councilman Robinson questioned the City Manager regarding his recommendation for addition of two meter officers and five patrolmen to the Police Department. The City Manager stated that he still felt that his request would provide sufficient personnel to establish an additional 24-hour police patrol. Councilman Robinson then agreed to the City Manager's recommendation.

ORD. NO. 620
INTRODUCED

On motion of Councilman Robinson, Brown second, the Council introduced Ordinance No. 620, adopting the 1958-59 Budget as reviewed and corrected, by reading of title only and waiving reading of the ordinance in full.

The Council adjourned at 9:40 p.m. after commending the City Manager on the outstanding job he had done on his first budget presentation.


ATTEST: BEATRICE GARIBALDI
City Clerk